



LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

August / September 2019

Action
Through
Understanding

22nd Annual Meeting & Celebration

Thursday, September 26, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Outdoors off Hazel Dell Road, about one mile southwest of Eugene
(address provided with registration confirmation)



Beautiful fall views of oak and prairie



Outdoor Tour & Great Company!



Live Folk Music!
(photo by Cliff Etzel)

Don't miss our biggest event of the year!

Register by September 19!

Tickets: \$25/person, \$15/children 5 & over, \$60/family of 3+

Thank you to our event hosts, Jon Texter and Dana Hansler!

Thank you to Hemp Press for providing in-kind printing support!

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The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin and surrounding drainages through education and collaboration among all interests, using the collective wisdom and voluntary action of our community members.

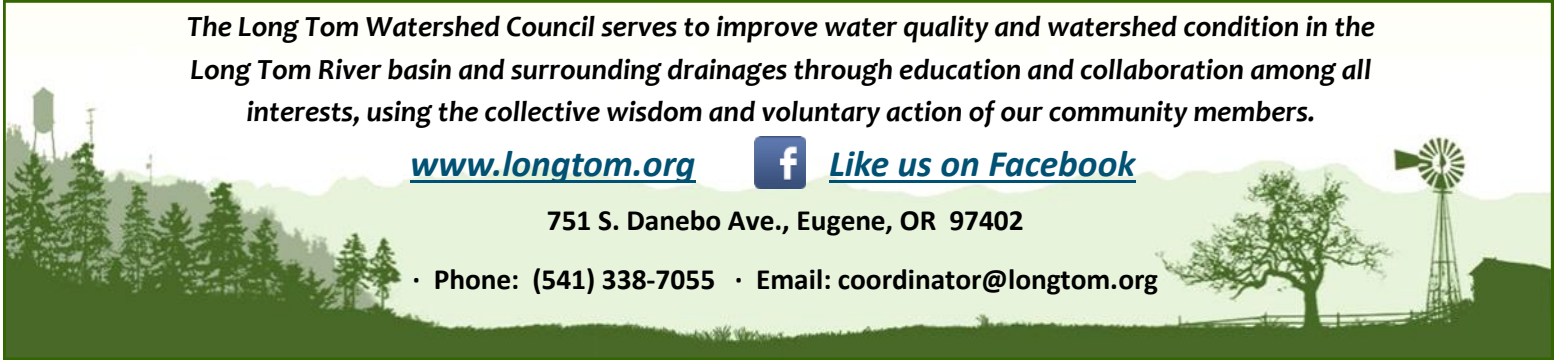
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Register Now for LTWC's September 26th Annual Celebration



- Among our speakers will feature anthropologist, educator, and ethno-historian **Dr. David G. Lewis (Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde)** on Indigenous stewardship and cultural contexts of the watershed
- **Beautiful fall views** of the rolling hills southwest of Eugene, including oak savanna and woodland
- Presentation of **Watershed Awards** to outstanding volunteers and project partners
- Election of **volunteer Board Members**
- **Taco bar** - meat and vegetarian options from locally-owned **Los Faroles Restaurant**
- Meet and pet **goat kids** from **Little Red Fox Farm!**
- **Self-guided tour** of oak habitat enhancement work
- **Very best in Watershed Community!**
- **Dessert!** | **Beverages** (alcoholic and non) | **Live Music!** | **Zero-Waste Event!**



Hosted by Jon Texter & Dana Hansler, about one mile southwest of Eugene on Hazel Dell Rd.

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longtom.org/annualcelebration2019 (or send a check payable to "LTWC" along with the form below)

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Vegetarian? Vegan? Gluten free?

Adult Tickets _____ @ \$25 each: \$ _____

Child Tickets (kids under 5 free) _____ @ \$15 each: \$ _____

Family Ticket (1 or 2 adults and multiple kids) @ \$60: \$ _____

Subtotal: \$ _____

Yes! I would also like to **donate** a tax-deductible gift of: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 other \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

2019 Watershed Awards

These outstanding volunteers and project partners will be recognized with an award at this year's Annual Celebration for their tremendous service and dedication to the mission, goals, and work of the Council. Each awardee will be presented with a certificate and a gift at the Annual Celebration, and their accomplishments will be also be highlighted at the event. Thank you to these amazing recipients for exemplifying the vision and spirit of the Long Tom Watershed Council!

Outstanding Volunteers: Allison Lightfoot, Ilana Jakubowski, Sarah Stahl, Jabrila Via, Matt Dedek, Jay Keister, Greg Vanvlack

Outstanding Community Partners: Bonneville Environmental Foundation and the City of Monroe

Outstanding Project Partners: Center for Diversity & the Environment and JK Environments (Jeff Krueger)

Outstanding Project Landowners: Bennett Vineyards & Wine Co., Pete Kingzett, Seneca Family of Companies



Two of our outstanding volunteer awardees from 2017—Rebecca Hale (center left) and Denny Capps (Center right). *Photo by Cliff Etzel*

Receive a Gift when You Donate with your Event Registration

Receive a Long Tom Watershed gift when you include a donation with your ticket! Gifts based on the

\$25 Receive 2 beverage tickets (alcoholic or non)

\$50 Plush River Otter with LTWC logo on bandanna

\$75 Hat with LTWC logo

\$100 Steel Pint Glass w/LTWC logo + 2 drink tickets

\$200 Book on Long Tom's history! *Along the Long Tom River: Observations from Past & Present* by David Turner + Plush River Otter +2 drink tickets!!



Annual Meeting Business: Board Elections

All members of the Long Tom Watershed Council—that is any adult who supports the purpose and mission of the Council and is connected to the watershed community—may sign in at the October 22nd Annual Meeting and Celebration and vote to elect our slate of volunteer board members and approve any bylaws updates. Each year, the Council recruits and recommends a slate of Board of Directors candidates for election that balances the diversity of perspectives and geographic and land use, community and cultural interests in the watershed. Below is the 2019 slate of board candidates. Feel free to contact Clinton for questions or more information (541-654-8965).

Newly Recruited Board Members



Jodi Sommers

Jodi Sommers lives and works in the Long Tom Watershed. She manages marketing, business development, and charitable giving for Essex General Construction. Jodi brings knowledge of how to promote good causes, along with other helpful marketing and communications skills. She has been committed to the environment and worked to protect it by volunteering with the Long Tom Watershed Council, the McKenzie River Trust, Green Lane Sustainable Business Network and BRING Recycling. Jodi is also a Lane County Master Recycler and a LEED Green Associate. When she's not working Jodi enjoys spending time with her husband Jay and her sons Logan and Cole. She lives in the Coast Range west of Eugene on five forested acres. Jodi enjoys the outdoors, and spends her free time hiking, kayaking, gardening and gathering mushrooms. Her other passions include reading, travel and volunteering for local non-profits. Jodi is standing for election to a four-year term.



Taylor Evans

Hi! My name is Taylor Evans. I moved from Minnesota to Oregon almost a year ago for the Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps Program. I have been serving with the City of Monroe as their Community Development Coordinator. My bachelor's degree is in Public Health and Nonprofit Management. I am about to start the Master of Nonprofit Management (MNM) at the University of Oregon. During my time in Monroe, I have learned a lot about ecosystems through writing the City's 5-Year Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan regarding stormwater management and through various projects with the Long Tom Watershed Council. It is due to this that I have been inspired to join the LTWC's board. I have a few years of experience working and running nonprofits and I think I would be a great asset to the team! Some fun facts about me: I have been a martial art instructor for over five years; I really enjoy biking, hiking and bouldering; and I recently started the Monroe Farmers Market because I think it is crucial to have access to fresh food! Taylor standing for election to a one-year term.

Mid-Year Appointments Standing for Confirmation



Lindsay Reaves

Lindsay is a fourth-generation Oregonian and has lived in Eugene since 1981. She received her B.S. in health education from the University of Oregon and a master's in social work from Portland State University. Lindsay moved to a 672-acre tree farm seven years ago with her husband, Tom Bauman, and works with him to manage the land as a sustainable forest tree farm. She volunteers with Forests Today and Forever, and for the past eight years, over 4,000 middle school students have visited the Bauman Tree Farm to learn about forestry management, riparian needs, wildlife considerations, and recreation opportunities. Native plants and local butterflies are a special interest. Lindsay is standing for election to a four-year term.



Jamie Newsome

Hello, my name is Jamie Newsome. I am from Kansas City, Missouri and I currently live in Eugene, Oregon. I graduated from Indiana State University with a degree in Human and Environmental Systems with a concentration in Geographic Information Systems – GIS. I have done internships with the Army Corps of Engineer as a Water Quality Intern as well as interning with the Bureau of Land Management as a Park Ranger. Currently, I work at Hepa-Graff Professional Cleaning as a Brand Ambassador. I am also involved in Business Network International – BNI and server as a Communications and Co. Event Planner on their Leadership Committee Team. In my free time, I volunteer at Guy Lee Elementary School as a Garden Educator. I help kids learn how to grow, plant, and maintain fruits and vegetables. I am very

excited to be a board member! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Long Tom Watershed Council! Jamie is standing for election to a four-year term.



Nikolai Hall

Nikolai Hall is a forester with Mason, Bruce and Girard, Inc., and manages timberland in the Long Tom Watershed and elsewhere in western Oregon. His professional experience includes work on small woodlands, state forests, national forests, and industrial timberland. He earned his B.S. in Forestry from the University of California at Berkeley. A native of Connecticut, he moved to the Willamette Valley in 2005 after a decade in California. When not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family, playing music, hunting, surfing, canoeing, and golf. Nikolai is standing for election to a four-year term.

Extending to a Full Term



Jabrila Via

Jabrila is the former owner of the farming operations at Winter Green Farm, a 171-acre organic farm in the Upper Long Tom sub-basin near Noti. While she sold the farm business, she still owns the property, lives there, and continues to conduct food and farm education activities there. She enjoys connecting the community to its local food and is interested in food justice and security issues. Jabrila shares: “I am interested in working with the community. We all come from different walks of life, and I want to be learning and sharing together to help keep the Long Tom Watershed healthy, to educate, and include the public in taking care of our environment.” Jabrila also loves being in the wild – backpacking, climbing, paddling, and bringing her grandkids along.

At LTWC, she has been deeply involved as a volunteer for the Team TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge) Youth Education Program. Jabrila is standing for election to a four-year term.

We also want to extend a special thank you to each of our outgoing board members this year and thank them for their superb commitment and service to the Council!



Darian Lightfoot



Ginnie Grilley



Jonathan Powell



Dave Thomas

Our full list of Board of Directors can be found on our website at longtom.org/about-ltwc/board-of-directors.

Help match a \$5,000 Family Charitable Trust Gift for the Lower Long Tom!



Photo by Aaron Zettler-Mann

Recently the watershed council has asked our community to dream big for the return of juvenile spring Chinook and Pacific Lamprey to their historic ranges of the Long Tom River, and you've already stepped up big! **If you haven't yet given, now is the time to double your impact!** We have received a \$5000 matching gift from a local Family Charitable Trust with deep ties to the watershed. While these generous donors would prefer to remain "Anonymous Acorn Woodpeckers" (we like alliteration here at the Council), we hope that you'll consider adding your name to the list of donors below who have already shown their support for this vision and the work underway to make it a reality! You can give online today at longtom.org/springchinook

RECENT GIFTS:

UP TO \$150: Laura Allen, Merle & Kathy Allen, Mike Brinkley, Paul Brown, Nancy Hafner, Nikolai Hall, Einar & Deb Ingebretsen, Jessica Lambright, Laughing Stock Farm, Fred Meyer, George & Pat Miller, Shelly Miller, Nancy Rich in honor of Jim Rich, Anami Ridge, Transition Management, Inc., United Way of Lane Co., Charles & Karen Van Duyn, Peter Pollock & Diane Yates **UP TO: \$500:** Rolf Anderson, Doug & Linda Carnine, Barbara Combs, Allen Dong, McKenzie Flyfishers, Organically Grown Co., Jim & Christine Pendergrass, Whitey Lueck **UP TO: \$2,500:** Ray Morse & Phyllis Helland, Kurt & Mary Koehler, Mountain Rose Herbs **UP TO \$5000:** Anonymous Family Charitable Trust



You can learn more about this project and give online at www.longtom.org/springchinook

Annual Celebration Gifts from Folks Who've Already Registered: Rolf Anderson, Mike Brinkley, Barbara Combs, Kevin Shanley, Jabrila Via

Other Gifts: Columbia Bank (Team TEK), Rent (Lee & Veronica Davis), Jon Texter & Dana Hansler (project match)

Watershed Happenings

Team TEK Featured on NPR



Recently, LTWC's Team TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge) Education Program for Tribal youth was featured in a story by Brian Bull of KLCC on WBUR Boston's *Here and Now*, syndicated nationwide on NPR. You can listen to Team TEK Curriculum Director Joe Scott and others around the Northwest speak about the reconnection of Native peoples to First Foods in this interesting five minute story, which you can find a link to on our Facebook page or by searching for

feature online "Native Americans Promote Indigenous Foods To Offset Junk Food Diets." Team TEK is driven exclusively by the Tribal families who participate, and each of the past three learning seasons has enjoyed greater engagement from families supporting, and attending alongside, Tribal youth. If you'd like to learn more about this work happening in and around the Long Tom, visit our website at longtom.org/community.

Thank you, Paddle & Pull Volunteers!

We want to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped with July 17th Paddle & Pull event to remove invasive ludwigia! These volunteers put their muscles where their mouth is on tackling these aquatic invaders! Volunteers teamed up to search out and pull ludwigia by hand in Clear Lake, which is part of Amazon Creek. This event was conducted in partnership with our friends at McKenzie River Trust and their "Watershed Wednesday" Volunteer Program. Thanks to MRT's Elizabeth Goward for mobilizing the troops and for the great photos of the team! You can learn more about this invasive aquatic plant at longtom.org, and about other partner volunteer events at mckenzieriver.org!



"Wild & Scenic" Cider Release!

We are honored to announce the release of WildCraft Cider Works' "Wild & Scenic," a cider made from last year's Community Apple Drive! In stores now!

You may remember seeing fruit from prior year Community Apples drives in Eugene making its way into Long Tom branded "Urban Orchard Apple Cider." In this spirit of a truly community collaborative effort around healthy lands, waters, and the futures of our youth through environmental education, proceeds from this year's "Wild & Scenic" cider will support the collaborative environmental education efforts of Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC), Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, McKenzie Watershed Council and McKenzie River Trust!



For the last two years, these groups have been working better together through the formation of an impact network, the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network (UWSN)! This symbolic (and delicious!) cider will be released at the UWSN's first shared public event, the Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival at McDonald Theater, Nov. 14th!

This event will benefit our shared environmental education work in the Upper Willamette basin. Stay tuned for more information about this network and the upcoming film festival! Thanks to all our network partners for your great work in the communities we call home! And thanks to WildCraft Cider Works for supporting this vision for a healthier upper Willamette!

Welcome, Sydney Nilan!



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff team member, Sydney Nilan. Sydney came on board in July of 2019 as the Coordinator for the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network. Sydney's position brings together the Coast Fork Willamette, Middle Fork Willamette, Long Tom, and McKenzie Watershed Councils, and the McKenzie River Trust, helping them to leverage each organization's unique strengths to create new opportunities and landscape scale impact throughout the Upper Willamette basin. Sydney has a B.A. from the University of Oregon and her master's from the University of Florida's Tropical Conservation and Development program and has spent the last decade working at the intersection of community based natural resource management, conservation, and sustainable development in Latin America. Having spent the past six years living and working with indigenous communities in the Amazon rainforest, Sydney is glad to be back home in Oregon enjoying the seasons and the great pacific northwest with friends and family. Welcome to the team, Sydney!

The Long Tom Watershed Council, a local nonprofit, counts on participation from many people and organizations. The local office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) donates postage for our mailings. They use the following disclaimer, standard procedure for all BLM partnerships:

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The Long Tom Watershed Council is still a local nonprofit (since 1998) with no government authority. We partner with local people, businesses, and agencies in the interest of finding local solutions and bringing grant funding from private and public sources to do restoration, education, and monitoring work in the Long Tom River basin. We're thankful for the donation of postage expenses!

LTWC Board of Directors

Chair: Shelly Miller

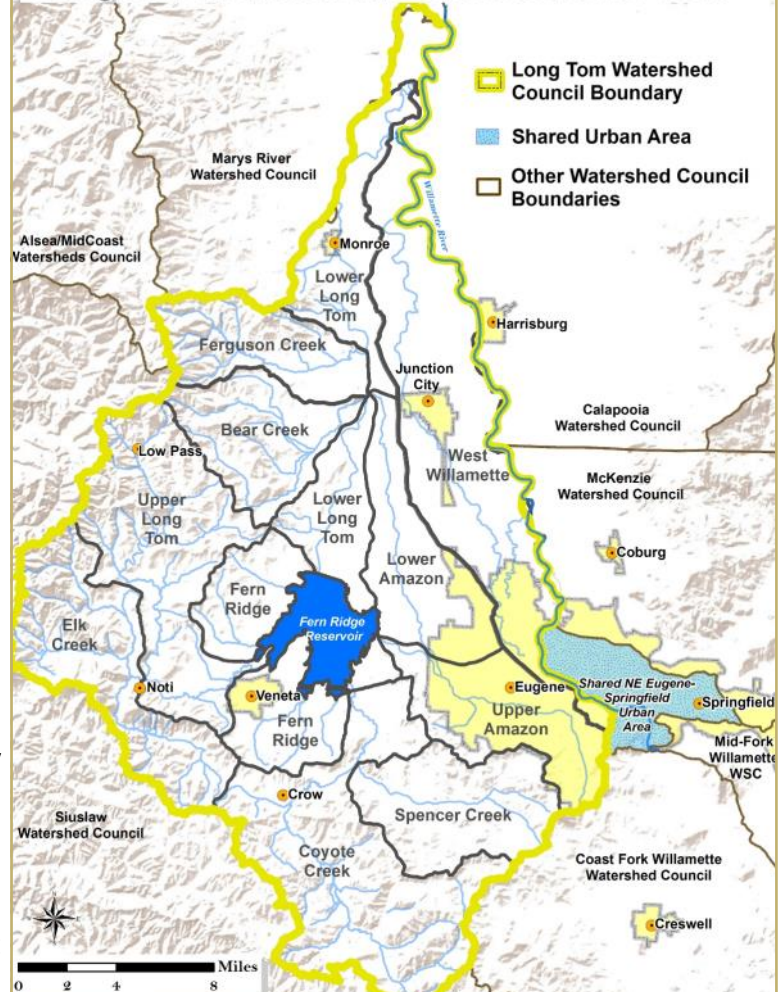
Vice-Chair: Jonathan Powell

Treasurer: Interim role to be filled at Sept. 5 board meeting

Secretary: Lindsay Reaves

Members: • Jabrila Via • Jamie Newsome • Pat McDowell
• Darian Lightfoot • Nikolai Hall • Alec Hrynshyn

Long Tom Watershed Sub-basins & Area of Work



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